April/May Block Club Newsletter

Block Club Captains – Happy Spring to everyone! Please share the following information with your neighborhoods. Thank you.

City Calendar

April 5, 2019 – Coffee with a Cop -8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Come by for coffee and conversation (note police do not provide coffee)

• Lakewood Nutrition, 14235 Detroit Avenue

April 8 and April 9, 2019 - Free AARP Tax Clinics, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (all ages, no residency requirement)

• Lawther Center, 16024 Madison Avenue, Call Lakewood Division of Aging at 216-521-1515 to pre-register for an appointment.

April 9, 2019 - Listen to Lakewood – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

(Mayor Summers normally hosts these informal conversations with no agenda, but he is unavailable this week), substituting for the Mayor in his absence is: Joe Beno, Public Works Director and Bryce Sylvester, Director of Planning & Development

Nature's Oasis, 15613 Detroit Avenue, 5:30 -6:30 p.m.

April 10, 2019 – Apple iOS Device Safety via Parental Controls, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Hands-on workshop for parents to learn how to activate and set up iOS parental controls on Apple devices. Participants are encouraged to bring their child's Apple iOS devices (iPhone/iPad) to the class which is brought to the public by Lakewood Police and Westlake Police. Space is limited – contact gvogel@westlakepolice.us to register to attend.

• Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio

April 13, 2019 – Breakfast with the Bunny by H2O – 4 seatings (8:30 – 1:00 p.m.)

Location at the Lakewood Park Woman's Pavilion. \$10 tickets for adults; \$5 tickets for kids; Registration deadline is April 10, 2019. Registration & information flyer available at this link: http://www.onelakewood.com/event/h20-breakfast-with-the-bunny/

April 15, 2019 – Lakewood City Taxes are Due (Note Tax Department's Extended Hours below)

• The Lakewood Tax Department will help you complete and file your city tax return at the counter for free. Tax Department, 12805 Detroit Avenue

• Extended Hours from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays – April 4, 9, 11, 12 and 15 and on Saturday, April 6 and April 13 from 9 a.m. – Noon.

April 27, 2019 - Keep Lakewood Beautiful - Earth Day - Great Lakewood Clean Up 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

• Join Keep Lakewood Beautiful for their annual Earth Day Cleanup. Help pick up litter, mulch trees and more. Meet at City Center Park in Downtown Lakewood in front of Marc's Plaza

May 3, 2019 – Coffee with a Cop -8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

• Fear's Confections, 15208 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH

May 14, 2019 – Listen to Lakewood – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Come for an informal conversation with Mayor Summers where you can determine the agenda.

• Good Kind Coffee, 15526 Madison Avenue

City News

H2O Summer Service Camp Applications are Now Available!

Lakewood Department of Human Services-Division of Youth H2O "Help to Others" Summer Service Camp is now accepting applications. The Application is available online at http://www.onelakewood.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2019H20SummerCampApp.pdf Printed applications are available at the Lakewood Division of Youth, the Lakewood Public Library and the Lakewood Recreation Department. Applications and payments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

H2O Summer camp is a two-week camp session for Lakewood residents entering grades 7-9 spend the morning performing activities at various service sites and the afternoon is spent on game time and team building activities. Trained youth staff act as service mentors for the younger participants. These skilled counselors supervise, instruct, motivate and empower their teams of five to six campers through a rich variety of hands on activities and learning.

New direction for the July 4th Parade due to water, sewer and resurfacing work on Lake Avenue

The July 4th parade will begin at Nicholson & Lake Avenue and move west along Lake Avenue to Lakewood Park. All other July 4th activities remain the same. For the full story check here: http://www.onelakewood.com/city-announces-location-change-for-citys-fourth-of-july-parade-for-2019/

The Lakewood Police are looking for residents to join the Lakewood Auxiliary Police Force.

The Lakewood Auxiliary Police Unit is a vital part of the Police Department and the community. To find out more or to complete an application or to check out the video go to this link: http://www.onelakewood.com/accordions/auxiliary-police/

Benefits:

- Enhance safety & pride in the community
- Traffic & crowd control training
- Equipment training (baton, pepper spray, hand-cuffs)
- Communications training
- Auxiliary uniforms and safety equipment provided
- Police ride-along opportunity

Requirements:

- 18 years of age
- 25-30 hours of class training
- 20 hours of ride-along training
- 120 volunteer hours annually*

Homeowner's Tax Abatement Program

Homeowners may qualify for a property tax abatement program that defers a property tax increase for five years on qualifying home improvements. Eligible projects are new construction and improvement projects that cost at least \$2,500 and cause an increase in the assessed value of the property. For a list of eligible projects check the following link or contact the Building Department at 216-529-6270 http://www.onelakewood.com/accordions/homeowners-tax-abatement-program/

Recently Adopted Legislation

Click to the links below to read the ordinances or resolutions.

Ordinances that amend the code

- 76-18 Establishes a tobacco product purchasing age of 21 in Lakewood
- 44-18 Create Chapter 743 to Regulate Mobile Food Service Operations

Ordinances

• 08-19 – Transfers & Advances in City Budget

^{*}There is also an opportunity for hourly paid work for non-city events such as 5K races throughout the year.

Resolutions

9064-19 Recognize Tyler Hannah for his accomplishments on the LHS track and field team

9051-19 Accept NOPEC grant funds

9053-19 Adopt County Solid Waste Management Plan

9062-19 Accept Keep Our Parks Safe grant

9055-19 Recognize Rick Sicha for service on LHAB

9056-19 Recognize Marathon Gas Station

9060-19 Ratify & Endorse Integrated Wet Weather Improvement Plan

LakewoodAlive's Knowing your Home Series

An educational series focused on sustainability and home maintenance best practices empowering homeowners to tackle necessary repairs and improvements. This series is designed to benefit a wide range of residents and held at unique locations around the community from March – November. Upcoming events:

- How to Contract a Repair April 25, 2019 Lakewood Public Library (Main Branch) 7-8:30 p.m.
- Step Repair & Replacement April 27, 2019 Cleveland Lumber (9410 Madison Ave) 7 8:30 p.m.

To find a full copy of the schedule look https://www.lakewoodalive.org/knowing-your-home-educational-series/